

To the FCC:

I wish to make comment on the proposed Rulemaking 10781, 10782, 10783, 10784, 10785, 10787 and any other new RM-'s that wish to modify/eliminate Morse Code Requirements in Amateur Radio currently in front of the COMMISSION.

As an Amateur Radio operator of over 35 years, I believe Morse code should remain in some manner or another. Especially in regard to AMATEUR EXTRA classification, because ADDITIONAL CW sub-bands are granted to those possessing an AMATEUR EXTRA classification.

There is no reason to exclude morse code all together because it exists and will continue to exist as the simplest form of radio communications. An alternative recognition of morse code could be tested for. Written questions for instance,

As an example: "What is DI-DAH-DIT?"
or "The letter 'B' in morse code is...."
and "Morse Code is a combination of _____ and Dahs"

That way beacons or identifiers could be recorded and decyphered at leisure.

I am in favor that TECHNICIAN be summarily granted MORSE CODE privileges on 80-40-15 and 10 meters to practice. Currently neither the FCC or other Amateurs have no way of telling the HF morse user in the old novice sub-bands has proper credentials to operate there. Further, current TECHNICIAN Morse privileges on 6 and 2 meters are rarely used. HF morse is a great place to learn, as I did in 1965.

NO ADDITIONAL VOICE privileges should EVER be granted to TECHNICIAN class as it is COUNTER PRODUCTIVE to the primary reason to even have a license structure.

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